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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Field Support Staff

SUBJECT : Overseas [REDACTED] Medical Support

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1. In accordance with our conversations and recent analysis of our over-all medical program, it is evident that the overseas [REDACTED] medical support programs must have more adequate and continuing representation and direction from headquarters. You have indicated your willingness to accept such additional responsibility and, accordingly, the following duties are outlined for your guidance.

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2. In this capacity, you will be responsible for:

a. Recommending policy in regard overseas [REDACTED] medical support.

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b. Developing and maintaining capabilities essential to overseas [REDACTED] medical support programming.

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c. Directing all medical support activities thus established.

d. Ensuring mutual application of legislative authorities provided this Agency, the adoption when appropriate of additional authorities permitted other agencies, and the recommending of new authorities when necessary.

e. Maintaining communications as required.

3. In exercising these responsibilities, special attention should be given to the establishment of a system of support that more adequately expresses medical attributes, objectives, and interests at the same time that command interests continue to be served.

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